

REMARKS

Claims 1-70 are pending.

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-18, 22, 23, 25-35, 39, 40, 42-51, 55, 56 and 58-70 stand rejected.

Claims 2-4, 7, 19-21, 24, 36-38, 41, 52-54 and 57 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of objected to claim 2.

Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of objected to claim 19.

Claim 35 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of objected to claim 36.

Claim 51 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of objected to claim 52.

Claims 2, 19, 36, 52, and 68-70 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claim 3, 20, 37, and 53 have been amended to provide proper dependency in view of the amendment of claims 1, 18, 35, and 51 and cancellation of claims 2, 19, 36, and 52.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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